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Incident Type: Water Rescue

Address: Merrimack River, behind Fishercats Stadium

Dispatch: 21:52

Under Control: 22:23

Resources: R-1,T-1, E-11, E-6, Boats 1 & 2, E-9, ALS-4

Description of Incident: At approximately 21:51 hours companies were dispatched for a report of an unknown male in the Merrimack River behind Fishercats Stadium. The caller was highly agitated and information was difficult to obtain initially. Car 1 arrived on scene and established command and performed initial size up of the scene, Command requested more information from MFD dispatch, and they were able to reach the unknown male caller, he was very agitated, but through the persistence of dispatch, updates to the victim's location were consistent and vital to the operation. Members of R1, E11, T1 prepared boats 1 & 2 for launch. Once both boats were in the water, it was determined the victim had drifted past the Queen City Bridge, Command directed the boats to head in that direction. E6 had originally deployed to Granite St. Bridge to try to locate the victim, once the victim was reported to be nearing Queen City Bridge E6 re-positioned to Dunbar St, south of Q.C. Bridge, they located the victim on the western portion of the river, E6 officer radioed victim location to Command, Boat 1 located and rescued the male victim. Boats 1 & 2 then proceeded to the boat launch where ALS-4 took over patient care. Patient was out of the water and in the ambulance at 22:14 hrs.

Civilian Injuries: 1 male patient, hypothermia, injuries undetermined at this time.

Emergency Service Injuries: None.

Special Circumstances: Night time water rescue. Low light conditions. Agitated caller.

Incident Commander: Battalion Chief Robert P. Beaudet

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